

## Passage to Iraq

The native military band in  
the ordered Baghdad garden

wheezes a standard of Bing's  
from High Society. Too

soon to cast Ali as him, Hasan  
as Frank, clicking eggnogs with  
some masked Grace. The White

Man's Burden meantime shreds our  
shoulders, but these pink, most-  
ly Yankee faces won't kvetch

to freshly civil wogs peppering  
such democratic fetes. Makes

no difference what we say or  
do to them, it'll end the same.